

	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Dante Alighieri Society (Cairns) Inc MINUTES
Date & Time:	Tuesday 28 January 2020, 7 pm for 7.30 pm
Location:	Cairns City Library Meeting Room, 151 Abbott Street

WELCOME

ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & PROXIES

Position	Name	Attendance	Apology
President:	Anna Cito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice president:	<i>Vacant</i>		
Treasurer:	Patty Poutenan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary:	Lyza Welsh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General committee members:	Mary Lantman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Juliet Marconi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Giuliana Mogorovich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Richard Mogorovich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gary Montagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Members & guests:	David Lodge; John Ford; Catherine Montagner; Zenon Caravella; Richard Sheedy; Karen Ferrero; Kate Ferrero; Francesco Dangelico; Diana Sheedy		
• Proxies:	<i>No proxies presented</i>		
• Apologies:	Lui Garozzo; Angelo Aurelio		

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONFIRMATION of 2019 AGM minutes

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting confirmed as a true and accurate record

<i>Moved:</i>	Anna Cito	<i>Seconded:</i>	Lyza Welsh
<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour		

1.1. Business arising from the previous minutes (2019)

No business arising from the previous minutes.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (*Anna Cito*)

President's report presented. Anna thanked all members on the Management Committee in 2019 for their contributions and for Dante members' support. Membership growth was slow over the year but with renewed focus, the membership drive was now underway, also thanks to the Treasurer, Patty. Overview of 2019 activities provided – language classes including resignation of Daniela Ferrigno; Events for the year including movie nights, Picnic in the park, Ferrogosto and Christmas function were all successful; Language prizes for schools including the Studitalia & MLTAQ Speaking prizes with Dante support for students learning Italian. Anna thanked everyone for attending the AGM and invited members to nominate for committee positions or to volunteer to assist as active members at functions.

3. APPROVAL OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT (*Auditor's report, Patty Poutanen*)

3.1. Acceptance of Auditor's Report

Treasurer presented the report and gave an overview of the auditor's (John Woodward) findings which was available to member to view. A small discrepancy due to equity and expenditure was reconciled. There were also issues in reconciling the first 9 months of receipts and payments in 2019. Balance of the account presented:

Bank account balance \$7856.17 | Petty cash \$120.00 | Total equity \$8642.13.

MOTION: That members accept the Auditor's report as read

<i>Moved:</i>	Gary Montagner	<i>Seconded:</i>	Richard Mogorovich
<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour		

3.2. Business arising from Auditor's report

No further business arising from the report.

3.3. Appointment of Auditor for 2020

MOTION: To appoint John Woodward as Auditor

<i>Moved:</i>	Patty Poutanen	<i>Seconded:</i>	Anna Cito
<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour		

4. AGM GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1. Nomination of Honorary Solicitor

Catriona Burke from Smithfield Law agreed to undertake this role again for Dante Cairns.

MOTION: That Catriona Burke is confirmed as Honorary Solicitor

<i>Moved:</i>	Anna Cito	<i>Seconded:</i>	Richard Mogorovich
<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour		

4.2. Nominations for Honorary and Life Memberships

MOTION: That Mary Lantman is conferred DAS Life membership in recognition of her commitment and efforts in promoting Italian language & culture in Cairns

<i>Moved:</i>	Anna Cito	<i>Seconded:</i>	Gary Montagner
<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour		

5. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Chair: John Ford. All positions are declared vacant.

<i>Positions</i>	<i>Nominations received:</i>	<i>Nominated by:</i>	<i>Seconded by:</i>
President	Gary Montagner	Patty Poutanen	Juliet Marconi
Vice President	Richard Morogovich	Patty Poutanen	Juliet Marconi
Treasurer	Patty Poutanen	Juliet Marconi	Richard Mogorovich
Secretary	Juliet Marconi	Patty Poutanen	David Lodge
General Member	Gina Codotto	Patty Poutanen	Richard Mogorovich
General Member	Luigi Alfio Garozzo	Patty Poutanen	Richard Mogorovich
General Member	Zenon Caravella	Patty Poutanen	Giuliana Mogorovich
General Member	Francesco Dangelico	Richard Mogorovich	Patty Poutanen
General Member	Angelo Aurelio	Richard Mogorovich	Patty Poutanen

Other nominations from the floor or forms – no other nominations submitted.

MOTION: To accept nominations as received, read & seconded.

<i>In Favour:</i>	Passed, all in favour.
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Anna Cito will undertake position of Italian Class Coordinator.

Thank you to all Committee members who served in 2019 including:

*Anna Cito (President) | Pauline Morris & Patty Poutanen (Treasurer) | Lyza Walsh (Secretary)
| Omar & Karen D’Aietti, Mary Lantman, Richard & Giuliana Morogovich, Gary Montagner,
Juliet Marconi (General members)*

6. MEETING CLOSE

New president, Gary Montagner thanked everyone for attending the AGM and outlined events planned for 2020.

7. NEXT MEETING

AGM 2021:	<i>To be held <u>by March 2021</u></i>
Management Committee meeting:	TBC February 2020

Meeting closed at: 7:57 pm

Attachments:

2019 AGM Minutes | President’s report 2019 | Auditor’s report 2019

MINUTES To be ratified at 2021 AGM

Meeting chair: John Ford Signature: _____

President 2020: Gary Montagner Signature: _____